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PRESS RELEASE

The Society for Reproductive Biology (SRB), Society for Reproduction and Fertility (SRF) and the Society for the Study of Reproduction (SSR) have announced that Professor Niamh Forde of the University of Leeds is the Inaugural Recipient of the RV Short Medal and Lecture.

Dr. Forde, a native of Galway, Ireland who obtained her PhD at the University College Dublin, is Professor of Molecular Reproductive Biosciences at the University of Leeds, UK and is a world leader in her specialist area of uterine biology. Her research has helped define the molecular choreography of early pregnancy for improved fertility, food production, and health. Most recently, she has been the leader of a £2 million grant from the Wellcome Trust to understand the effect of climate change on mother and offspring health.

The three societies who are sponsoring and administering the Short Medal are each engaged in the discovery of science supporting reproductive health in humans and animals. The societies are based in Australasia (SRB), United Kingdom (SRF) and North America (SSR). The Medal was developed to celebrate the remarkable and creative contributions of the late Professor Roger Short of the University of Melbourne. Some of his accomplishments and remarkable wit can be sampled at <https://www.science.org.au/learning/general-audience/history/interviews-australian-scientists/professor-roger-short>

The Medal will be presented to our inaugural awardee in a ceremony in the autumn in which Professor Forde will deliver the 2023 RV Short lecture.